

REMARKS:

Claims 1-5, 11 and 12 are in the case and have been rejected on the basis of obviousness type double patenting.

Attached to this amendment please find a terminal disclaimer and the fee of \$130.00, between the present application and the inventor's previous U.S. patent 6,722,711.

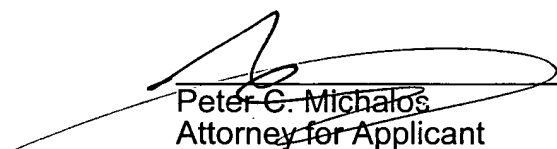
By filing of this terminal disclaimer the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and further favorable action is respectfully requested.

Concerning applicant's comments about the generic nature of claim 1 which is now believed to be in condition for allowance, this claim generally identifies the expansion mechanism but is specific with regard to the release mechanism. The same release mechanism can be used with a variety of expansion mechanisms so that to the extent that any of the claims now on file refer to expansion mechanisms that were not part of the elected species, these claims should still be allowable and allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

If any matters remain the Examiner is respectfully urged to contact the undersigned by telephone in the interest of reaching a conclusion to the prosecution of this case.

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